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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 11 and 13-21 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 11, 13-17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 11, 13-17 and 21 are canceled herein. Applicants retain the right to pursue canceled claims via a continuing application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

**CONCLUSION**

The Examiner has allowed claims 18-20. In view of the cancellation of all rejected claims, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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